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Donald Trump's sister gives \$4 million to Fairfield University

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Part-time Palm Beacher Maryanne Trump Barry, a senior judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the older sister of Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, has given \$4 million to Fairfield University for scholarships and to endow the school's Center for Ignatian Spirituality.

The Jesuit university, located in Fairfield, Conn., announced the donation last month and said the gift was made in honor of the Rev. Jeffrey P. von Arx, the university president who is slated to leave at the end of this year.

"I am sad for this loss to Fairfield," Barry said in a release, "and pray for the continuation of the Jesuit mission and the Jesuit identity, which Father von Arx has not only preserved but has so successfully championed over these 12 years."

Barry, 79, purchased a house on South Ocean Boulevard in 2004 through a trust in her name, according to property records. She also has a home in Philadelphia.

Barry and Trump have another sister, Elizabeth Trump Grau, who owns a home on Woodbridge Road. The property is north of The Mar-a-Lago Club, where Trump resides when in Palm Beach.

Barry, a Republican, was appointed to her post on the U.S. Court of Appeals in 1999 by President Bill Clinton. She was confirmed that year and assumed senior judge status in 2011.

Barry was awarded an honorary degree from Fairfield University in 2011 and is a longtime supporter of the school, according to the release. She said she usually makes such donations anonymously.

“I make a rare exception here because I have been so moved by the difference that Father von Arx and his presidency have made in so many ways in the lives of so many young people, and because I believe that, in founding the Center for Ignatian Spirituality in 2014, Father von Arx has assured that Ignatian spirituality will guide those at Fairfield, and even worldwide, who seek the gift it so uniquely can provide, while it continues to inform and influence the environment of learning at Fairfield,” Barry said in the release.

The donation will permanently endow the Center for Ignatian Spirituality, according to the release.

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